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THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103 HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE SUSPENSION OF ACTION WILL TERMINATE 01 MONTHS AFTER DATE THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION WAS FILED.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Halstead on 10/10/01 and on 10/15/01.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-34, 41, 47, 48, 55-61, 71, and 77

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All outstanding rejections of the claims are withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments and persuasive arguments set forth in Paper 43.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED from the date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Michael Brannock, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 306-5876. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The examiner can also normally be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, Ph.D., can be reached at (703) 308-6564.


Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 308-4242. Faxed draft or informal communications with the examiner should be directed to (703) 308-0294.

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